

## SAFE IN LIGHTED OFFICE SMASHED

Yeggs Defy Detection, Working on  
Busy Corner, Burglarizing Build-  
ing and Smashing Door.

### SECURE NOTHING FOR TROUBLE

Official of Independent Maltng Com-  
pany Reports to Police That No  
Valuables Are Missing.

Restaurants near the Independent Maltng company office, 2227 Third avenue, did their normal business last night. The traffic passing the door was not unusually light. Families slept within a stone's throw of the building. An electric arc light at the intersection of Twenty-third street threw its rays into the interior of the office, making it quite light, yet yeggs were successful in burglarizing the place, breaking the door of a safe and escaping unnoticed.

Although they worked boldly, with more than ordinary chance of discovery staring them in the face, and even though they made a good escape, they secured nothing of value. The safe contained papers which were valueless to the safe crackers and \$80 in cash. The yeggs were unable to pry the door loose after they had broken the dial.

An official of the Independent Jobbing company, which is a wholesale liquor house, told the police today that he missed nothing of value from the office.

The burglary was not discovered until 7:30 o'clock this morning when an employee opened the office. Police were immediately notified and Detective Cox inspected the place. Since the yeggs had at least several hours' start of the police and as no clues were left to work upon, authorities today expressed themselves as doubtful if any arrests would be made in the case.

### Get in Through Window.

Entrance to the office was gained through breaking in the glass of a

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—(Adv.)

window in the rear. The resounding crash that must have followed the blow struck upon the pane, as far as is known, was not heard by anyone nearby. After getting into the office, presumably with a sledge hammer, the safe crackers went to work on the door of the vault. They pounded the door until they had smashed the combination parts and broken bolts and hinges. Police found no one who heard any noise of the pounding.

## MEN WHO STOLE CAR HERE CAUGHT

Muscantine Automobile Thieves Nabbed  
by Detective After Hours of  
Search in Rock Island.

Rock Island police ended hours of searching at 3 o'clock this morning when Detective Tom Cox arrested three automobile thieves at a local hotel. They are Howard Williams, Will Edmundson and Leonard Woodruff of Muscatine.

Jack Thompson, owner of a big touring car, left the machine standing in the streets in Wapello, Iowa, early last evening. When he returned for his car it was gone. Investigation by Wapello authorities disclosed that three young men had entered the machine and driven off. Local police were notified when it was learned that the three had set out for Rock Island. Detective Cox entered into the search for them and was successful in apprehending them. Following their arrest they admitted stealing the machine and said that they had been playing a joke. Sheriff Guthrie of Louisa county, of which Wapello is the county seat, took the three to Wapello today to face trial.

## NATIONAL GUARDS OF ILLINOIS READY

Springfield, Ill., May 9.—The Illinois National Guard can be mobilized within 48 hours at any point in Illinois the federal government may choose to designate, according to Governor Dunne.

"Within 48 hours we can mobilize 7,500 to 8,000 men of all arms," Governor Dunne said here today. "If the call should come it would find our soldiers considerably better equipped than they were in 1898. Now their equipment is issued by the federal government and is the same as is used by the regular army."

### Notice to Contractors.

Bids will be opened 2 p. m. May 20, 1916, at town hall, Hampton, Illinois, for constructing a drainage ditch in district No. 4 on the Adolph Edwards farm. Plans and specifications on file with E. C. Henline, town clerk, and at office of Wallace Treichler, engineer.

E. C. HENLINE,  
Town Clerk, Hampton, Ill.

WALLACE TREICHLER,  
Engineer, Rock Island, Ill.

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## DAVISON LEAVES TO TAKE UP WORK

Goes to Recife, Pernambuco, Brazil, to  
Assume Charge of the Rock Is-  
land Y. M. C. A. Department.

### IS ADVANTAGEOUSLY LOCATED

Board of Directors for the Local Asso-  
ciation Is Named at the Annual  
Meeting Held Last Night.

Waldo B. Davison, Recife, Pernambuco, Brazil, is the name and address of Rock Island's new addition to the secretarial staff of the Y. M. C. A. Mr. Davison has been in Rock Island for several days getting acquainted with the city and the association members, and left this morning for Chicago, and from there will go east. He will sail for South America July 1. The city to which Mr. Davison goes has a population of something over 230,000 with 65 miles of street railway. In point of years, this city was already established when the landing was made at Jamestown, so that it is truly one of the first American cities.

Mr. Davison goes as the general secretary, and while the association has only temporary quarters it owns a choice lot in the center of the city. There is a large law college in Pernambuco and at the present time more than half the government officials of the entire republic of Brazil are from this college. The city is the first and last port of call for all European vessels and is the center of the great railway system of the northern half of Brazil. Therefore it can be seen that it is a strategic center and furnishes a splendid opportunity for the association to influence the young manhood of that nation.

Both Mr. Davison and A. W. Manuel spoke at the Y. M. C. A. last night. Mr. Manuel is home on furlough from Rio de Janeiro, where he has been in association work. Rock Island will henceforth have a peculiar interest in South America and will look forward to receiving information from time to time showing the progress of the work.

### Directors Are Chosen.

At the annual meeting of the Young Men's Christian association last night the following men were elected members of the board of directors: T. B. Davis, C. E. Sharpe, M. E. Strieter, E. C. Fisher and R. C. Smedley, for terms of three years, and O. A. Miller for a term of two years. During the evening E. P. Musselman gave several dialect readings. Mr. Bliss and Mr. Stanton each sang solos and at the close refreshments were served in the cafeteria. The statistical report for the year will be ready in a few days.

## Obituary

A. D. Thompson.

Word of the passing Sunday night of A. Dudley Thompson, formerly of this city, now of Owens, Wis., has been received by the only surviving brother, J. C. Thompson, 1431 Thirty-second street, Mr. Thompson left Rock Island three years ago and at

the time of his death was 61 years of age. He is survived by his wife, and four sons, J. C. of Chicago; Dudley, Warner and William, at home and a daughter, Genevieve, at home. The body will be shipped to Rock Island for burial, although funeral arrangements have not been completed.

### Funeral of William H. Healey.

Funeral services for William H. Healey, 1923 1/2 Second avenue, were held at 9 o'clock this morning at St. Joseph's church. Dean J. J. Quinn said the mass. The floral tributes were beautiful and many. Burial was in Calvary cemetery. The pallbearers were Gus Eastberg, Joseph Grotegut, Otto Pating, J. H. Pender, Tim Collins and John Hunter.

### Funeral of Mrs. Lena Anderson.

Funeral of Mrs. Lena Anderson was held this afternoon at 2 o'clock at the home of her daughter, Mrs. C. E. Danielson, 803 Forty-first street. Rev. Karl Nilsson, pastor of the Swedish Lutheran church, was in charge of the services. Interment was in Chippannock cemetery.

### Funeral of James O'Connell.

Remains of James O'Connell arrived in Rapids City this morning from Buffalo Center, Iowa. Funeral services were held at 10 o'clock at St. John's church. Burial was in Rapids City cemetery.

Relatives learned today that Mr. O'Connell's death was due to injuries sustained in a runaway accident. He was thrown from his rig and his neck was broken in the fall.

### Funeral of Kenneth Young.

Funeral of Kenneth Young, 7-year-old son of Mrs. Roy Young, Mason City, Iowa, was held this afternoon at the home of his grandmother, Mrs. E. J. Stephenson, 1221 Seventh avenue. Rev. M. E. Chatley conducted the services. Burial was in Chippannock cemetery.

## DAVENPORT BATTERY TO TRAIN IN EAST

Twenty-nine members of Battery B of the Iowa National guard from Davenport have been summoned by an order from the United States war department to report at Tobyhanna, Pa., for special training. They will drill with regular troops from Fort Myer, Va., from May 21 to June 5.

## CAMBRIDGE

Mrs. Harry Lundquist returned to her home at Moline Tuesday after a visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Wright.

Mrs. John Nelson went to Osco Tuesday to visit her mother, Mrs. Anderson, who is quite sick.

Mrs. B. L. Hume and daughter, Miss Judith, visited the tri-city Tuesday.

Mrs. Ida Cameron returned to her home at Alexis Tuesday after a visit with her son.

Miss Hannah Hallgren of Osco visited in Cambridge Tuesday.

Mrs. M. Stackhouse left Tuesday for Chicago to visit her children.

Miss Lillian Carlson left Tuesday for a visit at Freeport, Elgin and Rockford.

Mrs. Lura McCurdy and daughter, Laura, returned home Tuesday from a visit at Alledo.

Abram Lunk was a caller at Davenport Tuesday.

Mrs. A. G. McMullen visited last week in Kewanee.

F. A. Bengston of Rock Island visited relatives in Cambridge and Andover township Tuesday.

Miss Edna McClung is again able to be about again after her recent illness.

August Nelson was a business caller at Galva Wednesday.

C. R. Johnson was a business caller in Galva Wednesday.

Tuesday evening a number of friends gathered at the home of Mrs. Susan Hillman to help celebrate her 84th birthday anniversary. The evening was spent in a social way and refreshments were served.

William J. Eyer, who has been visiting his cousin, William Patton and family, left Wednesday for his home at Kewanee. Mr. Eyer and Mr. Patton were members of the 112th regiment in the Civil war and these old gentlemen enjoyed the brief visit.

Mrs. G. W. Hutchinson and her sister, Mrs. S. L. Kishel, attended the funeral of their aunt, Mrs. P. P. Hempstreet, which was held at her late home in Galesburg Tuesday.

George Hunter has been confined to his home by sickness the last two weeks.

Theodore Cady and J. W. Slater visited at Rock Island Wednesday.

F. W. Sanquist visited at Galva Tuesday.

Miss Esther Bothwell of Orion visited Tuesday with Mrs. A. J. Rass.

Attorney C. A. Melen returned Tuesday from a business trip to Chicago.

Mrs. C. A. Olene left Tuesday for a visit with her son, Arthur, and family at Galesburg.

Mrs. William Westerlund of Chicago visited Tuesday in Cambridge.

Mrs. M. J. Stephens and her guest, Mrs. Brooks, of Perkins, Okla., left Tuesday for a visit with relatives in Moline and Silvis.

Thomas Laughery and sister, Martha Laughery, of Alpha, visited Tuesday at the home of Edson Barman and family. Mr. Laughery has rented Mrs. Nellie Seaton-Hadley's property in the west part of town and they expect to move to Cambridge for future residence.

Miss Elmira Pollock is visiting at Davenport Sunday.

George Edwards was a visitor at Davenport Sunday.

Miss Ruth Nelson left Saturday for a visit with friends at Osco.

Messames Bester and Noonan of Osco visited in Cambridge, Saturday.

Mrs. Ed Bennett of Osco was a Cambridge caller Saturday.

Roland Sherrard and Roland Pollock were tri-city callers Saturday.

Manual Addresses Rotarians.

A. W. Manual, Y. M. C. A. worker of South America, who is visiting in the city on a leave of absence, entertained the members of the Rotary club with a talk on his work in the south. The members also engaged in a discussion of the program for the international convention of the Rotary clubs at Cincinnati. This was done at the request of the convention executive committee.

Democrats Yield Clarke.

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## BODY OF LABORER DEAD DAYS FOUND

Nicholas Brontis, Burlington Section  
Hand, Expires in His Lonely  
Shack on Rock River.

### LAST SEEN ALIVE WEDNESDAY

Evidence Points to Death From Nat-  
ural Causes, Probably Appendi-  
citis, Coroner's Jury Reports.

The partly decomposed body of Nicholas Brontis, a section hand, was found lying on the bed in his shack near the Sears plant yesterday afternoon at 4 o'clock by William J. Spencer, an acquaintance of the deceased. Judging from the condition of the body and facts brought out at the inquest Brontis had been dead four or five days. There was no evidence of misadventure or foul play.

Mr. Spencer notified Coroner R. C. Meyer of the discovery and the body was removed to O'Malley's undertaking parlors. An inquest was conducted there last evening, the jury returning a verdict of death due to natural causes, probably acute appendicitis.

According to testimony given by friends of Brontis, also section hands on the Burlington line, Brontis was last seen alive last Wednesday night. At that time a party of his friends was at the shack playing cards with him. Brontis complained of severe pains in his side at the time.

At first the foul play theory was advanced because Brontis was known to have saved a considerable sum of money and was said to have carried large amounts on him. The coroner was told that he had some money in the bank, but so far the authorities have been unable to find any trace of a bank book. A thorough search of the shack, in which he had made his home for the past few years revealed only a check for \$9 on the Burlington railroad, some small change and a cheap watch. There was no evidence of foul play whatever. The body bore no marks of any kind and the room was in perfect order.

### Native of Greece.

Brontis was born 52 years ago in Greece and he had lived in this country 10 years. For a time he was employed at the Sears power plant, later going to work for the Burlington lines as section hand. He built the shack near Rock River and had made it his home since. He was single and leaves no relatives in this country.

Funeral services were held at 2:30 this afternoon at O'Malley's undertaking parlors, interment being in Riverside cemetery, Moline.

## COURT HOUSE NEWS

Final certificate of cost for water-mains and sewers in Case park addition, was approved by Judge N. A. Larson in county court this morning. Cost of the improvement is \$4,476.66.

Elmer Dorris, who pled guilty to burglary May 8, 1915, in circuit court and was admitted to probation, was released yesterday by Judge W. T. Church.

Answer of Martin W. Rork to the bill of interpleader in the case of Modern Woodmen of America against Martin W. Rork and R. D. Rork, was filed by Searle & Marshall in circuit court this morning. Martin Rork is claiming \$1,500 of a \$3,000 insurance policy which Estes Rork carried in the Modern Woodmen. R. D. Rork claims to be beneficiary and entitled to the entire sum. The Woodmen, unable to determine to whom the money belongs has turned it over to Circuit Clerk Gamble and filed suit for the purpose of settling the matter.

### Fine Home for Walter Verbury.

A new residence to be built by Walter Verbury will be designed by the firm of Whittitt & Schulzke, Moline architects. It will represent an investment of about \$12,500 and will be situated at Seventeenth street and Twelfth avenue, opposite Long View park.

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## REPLY TO GERMANY BRIEF AND FORCEFUL

Washington, D. C., May 9.—Following is the text of the note cabled last night by Secretary Lansing to Ambassador Gerard at Berlin with instructions to deliver it to the German minister of foreign affairs:

"The note of the Imperial German government, under date of May 4, 1916, has received careful consideration by the government of the United States. It is especially noted as indicating the purpose of the imperial government, as to the future, that it is 'prepared to do its utmost to confine the operation of the war for the rest of its duration to the fighting forces of the belligerents,' and that it is determined to impose upon all its commanders at sea the limitations of the recognized rules of international law upon which the government of the United States has insisted."

"Throughout the months which have elapsed since the imperial government announced on Feb. 4, 1915, its submarine policy, now happily abandoned, the government of the United States has been constantly guided and restrained by motives of friendship in its patient efforts to bring to an amicable settlement the critical questions arising from that policy."

"Accepting the imperial government's declaration of its abandonment of the policy which has so seriously menaced the good relations between the two countries, the government of the United States will rely upon a scrupulous execution henceforth of the now altered policy of the imperial government such as will remove the principal danger to an interruption of the good relations existing between the United States and Germany."

"The government of the United States feels it necessary to state that it takes it for granted that the imperial German government does not intend to imply that the maintenance of its newly announced policy is in any way contingent upon the course or result of diplomatic negotiations between the government of the United States and any other belligerent government, notwithstanding the fact that certain passages in the imperial government's note of the 4th instant might appear to be susceptible of that construction."

"In order, however, to avoid any possible misunderstanding the government of the United States notifies the imperial government that it cannot for a moment entertain, much less discuss, a suggestion that respect for German naval authorities for the rights of citizens of the United States upon the high seas should, in any way or in the slightest degree, be made contingent upon the conduct of any government affecting the rights of neutrals and noncombatants. Responsibility in such matters is single, not joint; absolute, not relative."

## WAR SIDELIGHTS

Stockholm, Sweden.—(Correspondence of The Associated Press.)—The Ford peace party, reduced now to a working basis, with delegates present from the six neutral countries of Norway, Sweden, Denmark, Holland, Switzerland and the United States, has recently been very active here and has enjoyed the official recognition of having been received by the foreign ministers of the three Scandinavian countries. To each of these were presented appeals addressed in diplomatic French to the kings and the parliament, asking that the neutral governments organize an official conference to offer its services in bringing about peace. The Ford party is now known as an "unofficial peace conference of neutral nations."

The peace representatives were graciously received here, at Copenhagen and at Christiania. No definite hope for consideration was held out to them, however, for the ministers declared their countries could only act when requested to do so by the belligerents.

The same appeal, addressed to the president and to the "parliament" of the United States, also was offered to the American minister here, Ira Nel-

## POLICE NAB MAN IN CHECK DEALS

Former Apprehended at Jones' Store in  
1800 Block After Two Attempts  
to Swindle Local Merchants.

Rock Island police today prevented possible losses to local merchants when a man giving the name of J. Staps was arrested at Johnny Jones' store in the 1800 block. The man had six checks on his person which police say he intended passing. Each order was out for a large sum, none smaller than \$75.

Staps appeared at the Peoples Clothing store on Twentieth street and presented a check for \$89. It was made out on a stub of the Davenport First National bank by the August E. Steffen company and payable to David Brown. Officers Ginnane and Kirsch traced Staps from the clothing store to the Jones store and there found him trying to purchase a watch, offering a check in payment. When he was searched at the station police found other checks on him, which authorities said were so cleverly forged that they might have easily been passed on some unsuspecting merchant.

Staps claims to be a worker for a religious organization. Police have found out little regarding who he is. They have learned that he only recently arrived in Rock Island, but where he came from he does not say. He has made no admission in regard to the forgery, but police say they have the goods on him.

The Ford appeal, which is to be presented also at Berne and The Hague, says in part:

"Has not the moment come to act? If, by an opportune step, an intervention of neutrals, the war could be shortened by a day, by a single day which destroys thousands of lives, ought not the step to be taken, no matter how difficult, how hopeless it appears?"

"History will severely judge the neutral countries if they remain mere spectators of the terrible conflagration. They, too, suffer by the war, and the belligerents themselves have submitted their cause to the judgment of the neutral nations. They have spread over every country their white books and blue books, and books red and yellow. They have made their appeal to the conscience of the world."

"The neutral conference is acting in the spirit of The Hague convention of 1907. Article II of the agreement then reached distinctly provides:

"The powers hold that it is desirable that one or more neutral powers should upon their own initiative, when they judge the circumstances propitious, offer their services as mediators to the belligerent states. . . . The exercise of this right will never be considered by one or the other of the belligerents an unfriendly act."

"In view of the right and duty to which this agreement points, the unofficial conference now sitting in Stockholm respectfully appeals to the governments and parliaments of the neutral countries to employ every means to call into existence a conference for official mediation between the belligerent states."

The peace representatives also have had an interview with the British minister here and have requested that they be given the right to travel freely in the belligerent countries and that they be permitted to bring to Stockholm from these countries persons in a position to advise with the unofficial conference as to various steps to be taken in the future. The minister said the matter would be considered.

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